

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/824,023	NISHIO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	JOY WATSON	1792	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Joy Watson. (3) Mark Saralino.

(2) Michael Cleveland. (4) Larry Drasner.

Date of Interview: 29 February 2008.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Totterdell.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant and examiner agreed that the wash cycle included washing, rinsing and draining the washing machine in the current claims. The "...control portion being configured..." claim language was discussed extensively and how to have the actions performed by the control portion have patentable weight. An agreement was not reached on the interpretation of the current claims with respect to the control portion.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required